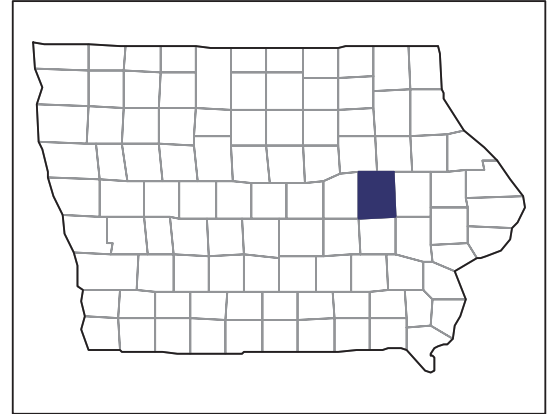


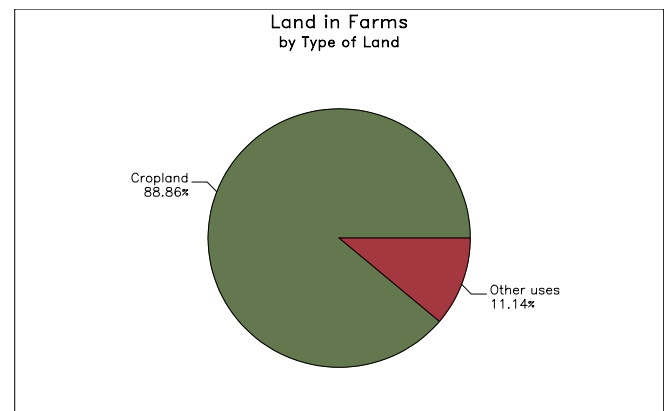
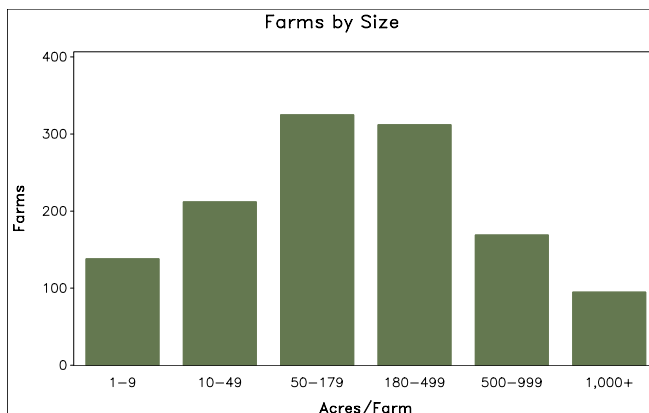
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## County Profile

### Benton, Iowa



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,251	1,186	+ 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	400,934 acres	400,654 acres	+ 0
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	320 acres	338 acres	- 5
<b>Market Value of Production</b>	\$263,121,000	\$147,953,000	+ 78
Crop Sales \$155,617,000 (59 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$107,504,000 (41 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$210,329	\$124,750	+ 69
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$9,472,000	\$7,104,000	+ 33
Average Per Farm	\$9,223	\$8,621	+ 7



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#### Ranked items among the 99 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	263,121	25	99	195	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	155,617	11	99	139	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	107,504	32	99	353	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	154,154	13	99	55	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	42	47	92	1,788	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	186	45	95	1,828	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(-)	(-)	69	(-)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	63,625	13	99	178	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	19,233	66	99	220	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	379	27	99	336	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	123	35	99	1,533	3,024
Aquaculture	(-)	(-)	29	(-)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	134	29	97	862	2,875
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	23	99	(D)	3,024
Hogs and pigs	79,933	67	99	205	2,958
Cattle and calves	51,018	22	99	561	3,060
Sheep and lambs	3,124	19	99	338	2,891
Horses and ponies	1,717	2	99	728	3,066
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	186,297	28	99	76	2,634
Soybeans for beans	130,042	13	99	72	2,039
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,652	41	99	1,655	3,060
Corn for silage	2,113	29	99	625	2,263
Oats for grain	783	24	99	483	1,957

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	299	Farming	656
\$1,000 to \$2,499	35	Other	595
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Male	1,118
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Female	133
\$25,000 to \$39,999	61		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	176		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	207	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	138	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	119	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	178,952	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	143,047	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	1,802
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	103,142	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	82,448	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.